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SUBJECT: SOVIET OFFICIAL TRAVEL IN U.S. DURING MAY 1981

1. (CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.)

2. DURING MAY 1981 SOVIET EMBASSY SUBMITTED 65 TRAVEL
NOTES FOR ITS OWN STAFF, OF WHICH 58 WERE APPROVED, AND 7
DENIED. THREE OF THE DENIALS WERE CLOSED AREAS.

[REDACTED]

ONLY ONE TIME EXCEPTION

WAS REQUESTED, IN CONNECTION WITH CLOSED AREA REQUEST
TO FLY INTO LOS ANGELES, WHICH WAS REFUSED ON CLOSED
AREA BASIS.

3. SOVIET CONGEN SAN FRANCISCO SUBMITTED 13 NOTES
DURING MAY, OF WHICH 11 WERE APPROVED. TWO REMAINING
NOTES BOTH REQUESTED 24-HOUR EXCEPTIONS. THE FIRST,
TO PALO ALTO WAS DENIED, AND THE SECOND, TO
WASHINGTON, DC, WE OFFERED TO CONSIDER IF A REASON
WERE SUPPLIED. THIS LATTER NOTE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY
CANCELLED BY THE CONGEN.

4. SOVIET EMBASSY ADDITIONALLY SUBMITTED 14 NOTES
FOR WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK-BASED CORRESPONDENTS, ALL
FOR OPEN AREAS. 13 WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED, AND
ONE WAS ALTERED TO CLARIFY ROUTING FOR PRADOA
CORRESPONDENT [REDACTED] WHO HAD LISTED A
NON-CONTINUOUS ROUTE FROM NEW YORK TO NIAGARA FALLS.

5. ONLY TWO NOTES WERE SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF
INTOURIST REPS, BOTH OPEN AREA, BOTH APPROVED.

6. AEROFLOT REQUESTED PERMISSION THRU SOV EMBASSY
FOR 13 TRIPS, ALL OPEN AREA, ALL APPROVED, INCLUDING
ONE 24-HOUR EXCEPTION IN IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH OF
DULLES AEROFLOT INCIDENT, FOR TRAVEL FROM NEW YORK TO
WASHINGTON.

7. [REDACTED] HAIG

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REASON(S) _____

ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS ☐

LEGITIMIZED ☐ RELEASABLE ☐

RELEASE DENIED ☒ IN PART

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